

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing you as a satellite subscriber to tell you that I am NOT in favor of the merger of EchoStar/Dish Network and Hughes/DirectTV. The combined company claims it would be a stronger competitor with cable, and maybe that is true, but it would mean one less choice. In the last four years, I have had both satellite services and AT&T Broadband's digital cable. In some cases, I switched because I moved; in at least one, it was because DirectTV began offering less service than they had the year before. The current selection of three services for my television choices is not enough. If you approve the merger, you'll reduce it to two. Please oppose this anticompetitive merger.

Sincerely,

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